basis depending on the progress of the work under IAY.

(b) and (c). During 1990-91, 1,70,131 houses are reported to have been constructed against the target of 1,22,100 houses. Construction of 1,4734 houses was reported to be in progress in the country during 1990-91.

So far as 1991-92 is concerned, it may be mentioned that progress of IAY is monitored on the quarterly basis through Quarterly Progress Reports. As per the available reports, 4437 houses are reported to have been constructed upto June of 1991-92 under I.A.Y.

[*English*]

Kendriya Bhandar

6742. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether samples of pulses were lifted by the Department of Food Adulteration from the branches of Kendriya Bhandar during 1990 and 1991;

(b) if so, the details of the items of which samples were lifted and on which reports have been submitted;

(c) whether there is any proposal to tone up the working of the Kendriya Bhandar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d) Samples of Rajma Chitra, Moong Whole and Masoor Whole were lifted by the officials of Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration from a Branch of the Kendriya Bhandar in July, 1990. No adverse report was received in respect of Moong Whole and Massor Whole. The report in respect of Rajma Chitra was challenged by the Kendriya Bhandar. The Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration therefore had the sample retested by the Public Analyst, Chandigarh who declared that it conforms to standard.

The performance of the Kendriya Bhandar has been satisfactory. Nonetheless, the working of the stores of the Kendriya Bhandar is constantly monitored and corrective action taken where necessary.

Studies Undertaken By Scientists At Antarctica

6743. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the studies undertaken by Indian scientists on Antarctica;

(b) the next data of the proposed expedition by Indian Team;

(c) the average expenditure incurred by the team in one expedition; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The scientific studies have been carried out in the areas of earth sciences, biology and oceanography, atmospheric sciences, meteorology, environmental physiology and engineering aspects. The details of the studies are given in the attached Statement -I

(b) Next Indian scientific expedition to

Antarctica which will be the 11th one is scheduled to be launched during the last week of November, 1991.

(c) & (d). Department of Ocean Development have launched ten scientific expeditions to Antarctica so far and total expenditure incurred has been Rs. 69.85 crores. The statement of expenditure giving details, is given in the attached statement—II.

STATEMENT - I

Scientific Studies Undertaken At Antarctica

Earth Sciences

Scientific studies are carried out to understand the structure of Anarctic geology, the various formation and mineralisation process, and palio environmental changes. Aeromagnetic surveys and mapping have also been carried out and geodetic control points established around the Indian station Maitri besides iceberg monitoring, glaciological investigations and search for meteorites.

Biological Sciences

The study of the life of the micro planes under extreme conditions have been undertaken. These include biochemical, molecular and related studies on the primitive forms of life and their adaptation to extreme cold conditions.

The oceanographic studies include air-sea interaction, oceanic currents and circulation patterns and their influence on the monsoon systems.

Atmospheric Sciences

In this area, study of the ozone layer and green houses effects besides study of trace gases and their influence on ozone chemistry have been undertaken.

The measurement of radio activity in the higher atmosphere, and the transport of substances like radon is also studied.

Meteorology

The meteorological phenomena prevailing on Antarctica is studied with particular emphasis in the context of the Indian monsoons. The usual meteorological parameters like wind, wind speed, pressure, temperature etc. are continually recorded to support both the scientific and logistic activities in Antarctica.

Environmental Physiology

The adaptation of human beings to extreme cold conditions and the impact of isolation in terms of biomedical parameters are studied.

Engineering Aspects

A total indigenous station 'Maitri' has been constructed in Antarctica. The engineering materials and other related aspects are continuously studied and improved for adaptation to the harsh Antarctic environment.

STATEMENT - II

Expedition-Wise-Expenditure

Expenditure in Rupees (in Crores)

Expedition	*Expenditure*
First Expedition	1.90
Second Expedition	1.95

Expedition		*Expenditure*
Third Expedition		5.70
Fourth Expedition		6.20
Fifth Expedition		5.74
Sixth Expedition		5.12
Seventh Expedition		6.50
Eighth Expedition		11.50
Ninth Expedition		12.90
Tenth Expedition :-		
Ship Charter	: 5.93	
Maintenance of Station	: 0.9872	
Communication Equipment & Spares	: 0.4781	
Clothing, Vehicle, Food & other essential Items	: 4. 9447	
Total 10th Expedition	: 12.34 Crores	
Grand total of 10 Expedition	:	69.85

Cases Pending for Payment of TV Feature Films:

6744. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases in which payments have not been made for the feature films telecast during the last three years; and

(b) the reasons for delay and the time by which the cases are likely to be settled?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). There are 31 cases in Which